

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

## A MISSOURI MULE'S UNFORTUNATE KICK.

MRS. "CAP" WINDSOR HURT  
—A POLECAT RANCH IN  
BOONE.

A Little Girl's Sad Death—A  
Town Boy Gets "Licked."

Mrs. "Cap" Windsor of Callaway county was seriously hurt in a runaway a few days ago. Skull fractured and bruised otherwise.

A Fayette mule rubbed his nose against a bee-hive and got stung; he turned around and kicked the hive over, and then there was something doing in that vicinity. The mule got away alive, of course, but six turkeys were stung to death by the angry bees.

Editor Hook of the Auxvasse Review is getting behind time, he printed the badges for the M. W. A. picnic last Saturday dated for a year ago.

The Middletown Chips says its town was so named because she is right in the middle of a fine territory where the railroads don't run.

The Bowling Green Fair will be held August 5 to 6.

Mrs. Nancy H. Hobbs, aged 82, died suddenly last Thursday morn at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Gelchrist, about five miles north of Fulton, on the Fulton-Mexico road.

The Annual Confederate Reunion at the club house south of Auxvasse, will be held this year on the 12th and 13th of August.

Jerry Jones, of near Claysville, Boone county, has started a polecat ranch, says the Centralia Guard. He has secured a number of pairs and will breed these profitable, prolific, but odoriferous felines for the market at prices ranging from 90c for the common to \$2.50 for the black or the narrow stripe kind.

Sam Woods, a prosperous farmer northeast of Wellsville, is riding in a fine new automobile.

Miss Louise Klee, daughter of Louis Klee, north of Fulton, is making a visit in Europe.

It costs more for some people to die in Monroe county than formerly—the undertakers have increased the price of pauper coffins from \$4.50 to \$10.

Miss Julia Douglass of Texas is spending a few weeks with her parents near Venice.

A sad accident, in which Fannie Church, aged 6 years, a daughter of Jasper Church, lost her life, occurred recently near the home of Thos. Dyer, near Apex in Lincoln Co. The child was playing on a hillside, near the house, and playfully mounted a log lying nearby which being insecure, rolled—catching the little one beneath it, instantly crushing out her life.

The Perry Enterprise says that a certain young man drove into that town the other day in his buggy and a certain town boy asked him to loan his horse and buggy to him a short time to take his "bunch of sweetness" a ride. The owner of the rig waited and waited until about 11 o'clock that night for the return of his rig, when the town boy came driving up, and the country fellow proceeded to give the town fellow a good licking. The distressful outcry of the town boy brought the people to the scene, and some one pulled Jesse off, and they said Frank fairly made fire fly out of the gravel, making his get away.

Rev. Thomas Wallace of Columbus, Ind., has been called to the pastorate of the Christian church at Perry and he has taken up his work.

Walter Hale, of Martinsburg,

is feeding 90 heifers he bought in St. Louis. He feeds nothing but heifers and claims that he gets more satisfactory results than he did when he fed steers.

A Pike county farmer solved the sheep killing dog problem in a successful way. After he had lost thirty sheep he built in the pasture a square pen of logs and roofed it but left a big hole in the middle above in which he suspended a part of a sheep. Nearly every morning when he went to the pen he found one or more dogs in there which he quietly put out of business. In the course of the winter he caught about forty dogs and didn't lose any more sheep. Moreover, he kept on good terms with his neighbors, which is a hard thing to do if you shoot their dogs and go around bragging about it.

W. R. Gilliland, near Wellsville, is said to have realized \$46 an acre for his wheat crop this season.

The farmer of today is causing the rest of us to sit up and take notice. Joe Long, a tenant on the Estes land, near Dameron, Lincoln county, raised 80 acres of wheat this year, twenty acres of which was corn land. He threshed last week and it averaged 34 bushels per acre and sold at \$1.15.

**The Floods Stop Him.**  
The Elsberry Democrat said last week:

Elder B. G. Reavis filled his regular appointments near Mexico Sunday and departed Monday morning for Canon City, Texas, to conduct a three weeks revival, but because of the flood was unable to reach as far as Kansas City, and returned to Elsberry Tuesday morning. He will preach as usual in the Christian church in this city Sunday.

Judge S. E. Kendall of this city has been planning lately for a visit in California, but his health is not the best just now and he may have to forego the trip.

**Mr. Marshall Dead.**

Wm. Marshall, 67 years of age, died last Thursday morning at his home in this city of paralysis. He had been ill for about two years. He formerly conducted a blacksmith shop near Null's store, on North Jefferson street, and had been a resident of Mexico about 20 years. The wife survives him besides the following children: William, Claude, Harry, Ray, Ethel, Lizzie and Wilda.

The funeral was held at the residence Friday morning conducted by Rev. W. M. White, buried in West Haven cemetery.

**The Youngest Band Yet.**

Auxvasse has the best juvenile brass band in the State. They range in ages from about 10 to 14 years, and two of the members are girls, too.

Their names are: Will Hopkins, leader; Clifford Overfelt, John Ab Harrison, Edward Wood, Clayton Hook, Katy Wood, Doris Dudley, Paris Bartley, Otto Meyer.

You ought to hear this band play. They will make the music for the Ex-Confederate Reunion near Auxvasse next month. They are earnest little fellows, and they can entertain you all right.

Mrs. Sue Potts is quite ill.

states to demand the same privilege of protection for their districts."

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Atchison have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Kentucky.

The Wellsville Star says: J. F. Wiggs went to Mexico Monday to assist his brother, John Wiggs, who has the contract for several large buildings in that place.

## R. R. WRECK.

Seven Persons Killed—Mexico Woman Makes Narrow Escape.

On another page of the Message will be found a full account of the railroad wreck last Sunday morning on the Wabash this side of Kansas City.

Miss Mamie Donnelly of Mexico was on the wrecked train but it happened that her coach did not go into the river and she escaped safely. A Dr. Lohbeck, a woman physician of St. Louis, was the heroine of the occasion and Miss Donnelly was able to give her able assistance. Miss Donnelly says that when she first experienced the crash she looked out a car window and saw the engine going into the river.

A relative of Mrs. W. G. Burks, of Mexico, Charles Garner of Montgomery City, was one of the injured in the wreck. He was cut and bruised about the head and Miss Donnelly helped dress his wounds. Miss Donnelly can give some vivid descriptions of the wreck.

Read the "special" on another page of this paper regarding the accident.

## POWELL FORD.

Another big rain Sunday night and Monday. The gardens and corn were in need of a rain.

Conrade and August Schutte thrashed last Saturday. Oats making 30 bu. to the acre and wheat 17 bu. to the acre.

J. H. Dillard and family of Beaver Dam, were the guests of Miss Bennetta and Dan Dillard of this vicinity, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Powell lost a nice gray breakfast shawl last Sunday going to church or at Sun Rise. Any one finding it please leave at Sun Rise or give to the owner.

Several of this vicinity attended the Chautauqua at Mexico last Sunday and enjoyed the day very much.

Miss Mary Cordelia Mason of this neighborhood has been the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Mason of Mexico, for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Sam Hatcher of Auxvasse is the guest of Miss Bennetta Dillard and will attend the Chautauqua at Mexico while here.

## WEST CONCORD.

The rain Sunday will prove very helpful to the growing crops.

Mrs. Emmett Fred allowed her baby to crawl too close to the cellar door and it fell in head first. It was considerably shook up but soon got all right.

J. W. Bailey has sold his threshing outfit to Henry Fred. Mr. Fred resold to other parties.

Misses Grace and Lola Andrews of near Brown's Station were visiting Tom Allen Saturday and Sunday.

Edgar Allen and sister are visiting near Hallsville this week. Jesse Holloway is out with his baling outfit. He reports fine weather for baling.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson are visiting in Michigan.

Miss Trix Turley is home from a visit to friends at Wichita, Kan.

Miss Anna Crawford of Camden, Mo., is visiting Mexico relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. L. Taylor of Popular Bluff is visiting Mrs. J. F. McWilliams and other friends here.

Rev. and Mrs. John T. Mason of this city expect to go to Chicago in a few weeks to enter Chicago University for a couple of years' training in evangelistic methods and Bible study.

## LIKES COLORADO.

Mexico Man Sight-Seeing in the Centennial State.

Delta, Colo., July 21.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Atchison of Mexico, Mo., arrived here last week on their way to visit their son Virgil Atchison, who has established himself in the furniture business in Cedaredge, one of the most flourishing towns in Delta county.

Mr. Atchison was amazed at the productiveness of the country in this section. He learned that Delta county expects to ship 4,000 carloads of fruit this year and that the output of the ordinary farm crops will be equally good. Shipments of cherries and apricots have already commenced and the trees are laden down with every kind of fruit.

Another thing that will contribute to the prosperity of the country is the opening of the Gunnison tunnel on Sept. 28 by President H. Taft. This tunnel will supply water for 150,000 acres and was built by the government at a cost of \$5,000,000. Fifty thousand acres of the land to be watered is held by the government and will be cut up into small farms and disposed of by the lottery system. The Delta County Business Men's Association expects such a rush of visitors to register for this drawing that it is already making arrangements to erect a tent city to accommodate them.

## George Wright Dead.

George Wright of Mexico, aged about 50 years, died last Monday morning of paralysis. He had been ill for some time, his disease being dropsy. The wife and seven children survive him. The body was taken to Carrington, Mo., for burial.

## Judge Peer's Memorial.

Montgomery City, July 22.—Judge Barnett adjourned Circuit Court Wednesday for the purpose of hearing the resolutions on the death of the late Charles E. Peers of Warrenton, which was presented by the following committee: Judge H. W. Johnson, of Montgomery county, chairman; W. Delventhal, Warrenton; W. W. Fry, Mexico, Mo.; Price Edwards, St. Charles; B. J. Creech, Troy.

## Anti-Saloon League.

The local organization of the Anti-Saloon League, Prof. J. W. Million, president, held a meeting at the Baptist church last Thursday night.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the question of State-wide prohibition be submitted to the voters of the State in 1910."

Miss Lena Reed of Vandalia is attending summer school at Kirksville.

Miss Nina Kennen of this city will attend the Kirksville Normal thru the coming year.

W. E. Newkirk, south of Mexico, has been "laid on the shelf" for several weeks, afflicted with malaria.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dillard and infant child of Bowling Green visited Mexico relatives last week.

P. P. Collier, formerly a citizen of this county, died recently at Portland, Oregon. He is well remembered at Rush Hill and in Mexico.

Jesse, the 10-year-old son of Robert Dye, near Rush Hill, was taken to St. Louis last week to be operated on for appendicitis.

## THOMPSON.

Miss Addie Cunningham has been visiting Miss Lizzie Nevins. Miss Hannah Duggan of Kansas City accompanied by Miss Mamie Hogarty are visiting Miss Duggan's sister, Mrs. J. R. Kilgore.

Rev. W. H. Hook preached at Liberty Sunday. He is called to this pulpit for the 3rd and 4th Sundays in each month.

H. T. Rosenthal is entertaining his sister-in-law from St. Louis this week.

Misses Mary and Ruby Grubbs of near Paris have been the pleasant guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grubbs.

Miss Ruth Black was the recent guest of Miss Lela Tinsley.

Mrs. John Murphy has the thanks of the writer for presenting us with the first peaches of the season.

Miss Lucy Robinson is visiting her sister, Miss Annie of St. Louis this week.

Mrs. Sarah Carter and daughter, Miss Sallie of Oklahoma are the pleasant guests of their relatives, Mrs. Engie Tinsley and Miss Sallie Jesse.

Mrs. J. C. Daniels and children have returned to Centralia after visiting her parents, J. T. Cogswell and wife.

We had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Herbert L. Willett of Chicago at the Chautauqua Sunday. He is one of the greatest of men.

## HIGH HILL DISTRICT.

Mrs. John Sims of Arkansas visited relatives here last week.

Born, to the wife of S. A. Pulis, a fine boy, on the 23. All are doing well.

The new church at Hallsville will be dedicated first Sunday in August.

Rev. W. D. Pulis preached in Centralia last Sunday.

Samuel Jerman and wife of Ardmore, Mo., are visiting his brother, T. J. Jerman, near Gant. They all spent Sunday with J. H. Turner and wife; they all are related.

B. F. Pulis and wife attended church in Centralia Sunday. Joe Rediger has gone to Moberly for repairs for his engine.

J. H. Miller and family visited their son, Perry, in Columbia Saturday and Sunday. Perry lately moved from Boonville to Columbia.

Mrs. J. L. Smith is on the sick list.

E. P. Pulis and family attended church at Hallsville Sunday.

## WEST LICK.

Threshing is the order of the day.

Rev. Alonzo Pearson of Louisiana preached at Unity Sunday morning and evening.

Misses Mary Miller of St. Louis and Anna Miller of Rush Hill were the guests of their sister, Mrs. S. F. La Rue, last week.

Mrs. Jacob Moonaw and son, Frank, of Riverdale, Kas., are the guests of relatives of this vicinity.

Miss Alice Martin of near Perry is visiting her cousin, Dilley Elam.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. LaRue of near Hutton, were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. S. P. Dubray, and family, Sunday and Monday. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Fern, who has been visiting relatives and friends for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Price left Saturday for Seattle, Wash., where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. N. D. Beagles, and son, Harry Price, and attend the Fair. They expect to be gone about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bytts and daughter, Elizabeth, are at Excelsior Springs.

## PROF. STROTHER.

Tells of Things He Enjoys in Missouri.

Auxvasse, Mo., July 26.—Editor MESSAGE:—I always regard it as a great compliment for the editor of such a deservedly popular paper as the Message to ask me to send a communication to its columns.

I live at Union Hall, Franklin county, Virginia. For 42 years I was a resident of Missouri. I had charge of several female colleges in the State, such as Lindenwood, at St. Charles, and colleges in Kansas City and Independence. I was engaged in educational work from 1842 until 1899, nearly 60 years. I have spent a number of years in Florida, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. I love school work. Next to the ministry it is the most useful and happiest of all occupations.

When I visit such cities as Chicago, St. Louis and Strotcher, in Monroe county—my happiest moments are spent in visiting schools. Mr. editor, you see I have mentioned where the city of Strotcher is, but it was hardly necessary for me to do this as I know your readers are people of education and information. I might also say there is a school district in Audrain County named after me. I was appointed school commissioner of Audrain county by the Governor and elected to this office until I resigned and went to Virginia. My sun shiny wife said she could not stand this climate and drink eastern water when for 60 years she had breathed the pure mountain air of Virginia and drank spring water. I love Missouri; I love her noble and hospitable people and I love pure eastern water. I have hundreds of former students scattered over the State. Prof. Rogers of Madison I mention as one and Painter of Carrollton another.

Mr. editor, I saw you at the Woodmen picnic Saturday. So far as I could see everything went on nicely. Everybody enjoyed himself and seemed happy. The speaking, the dinner and above all the band music delighted all. Two of the children of this noted band are the children of my nephew, Dr. Roger Wood of Fulton, and another of my old friend E. M. Dudley of this place.

There are eight automobiles in Auxvasse. I enjoyed a ride in one yesterday. I was in Atlanta, Georgia, last winter and I was told that there were 6,000 of these machines in that city.

I have written enough possibly to tire the reader so will close.

French Strotcher.

## SOME CASH; SOME NEWS.

A. H. Whitney renews for this paper.

Yancey Bevins renews for the MESSAGE.

Mrs. Emma Davidson renews for the MESSAGE.

H. E. Jung gets ahead for the Message for another year.

U. G. Skelly, formerly of this county, subscribes for the MESSAGE this week thru E. R. Snook.

We are glad to enroll the following new subscribers this week: J. L. Miller, of Thompson, and E. Hughes and Mrs. A. V. Wright of Mexico.

## Enjoying Himself.

F. M. Ragsdale of Ragsdale's Cash Store who is out West with his family having a good time, writes the MESSAGE as follows:

Los Angeles, Cal., July 21, '09 Hello, Friend B-al:—Nice and cool out here. Will leave for Catalina Island, 25 miles out in the ocean, this eve. Hope Mexico is still booming.

F. M. Ragsdale.

Dr. W. E. Cornett of Rush Hill is sporting a fine new automobile.

Tony Weinand will take charge of the Clarkson Hotel in a few days; leasing the building from C. F. Clark.

Miss Irene Keiser, employed by the Mexico Telephone Co., is home from a visit in Memphis, Tenn. She also visited her parents at St. Charles.

Mr. Clair C. Rhodes and Miss Lottie Leeders, both of Benton county, Mo., came to Mexico Monday and hunted up Rev. W. M. White and were married.

The Elsberry Democrat says: Andrew Parsons, accompanied by his wife, went to Mexico Friday to be treated by a specialist for a severe case of fistula. They returned Saturday evening with Mr. Parsons being much improved.

An all-day meeting will be held at Mount Carmel Methodist church, four miles southwest of Fulton, on Wednesday, August 7. Rev. W. A. Hanna of Mexico, presiding elder of this district, will be present, and also other speakers.

Our Callawegian friends have been tooting their horns and advertising a 10 lb. cabbage head. Mrs. O. E. Howard, north of Skinner, brought in one for dinner the other day that weighed 11 lbs. Little things like 10 lb. cabbage cause no excitement in Audrain.

Mrs. Nina Sprout of Monroe county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boatman of Mexico, was taken to St. Louis last week where she was operated on for both gall stones and appendicitis. She will not be able to come home for several weeks.

Mr. Charles F. Lang and Miss Nina G. McGee, both of Detroit, Mich., were united in marriage here Monday by Rev. A. A. Wallace. They stopped off here and thought it would be fun to be married in a small town, so they said.

Hon. J. H. Whitecotton, of Monroe county, and Hon. Allan O. Harrison, of the law firm of Chaney & Harrison, Kansas City, made speeches at the M. W. A. picnic at Auxvasse last Saturday. They both were excellent talks. Mr. Harrison was born and raised near Auxvasse.

Alexander James London, an aged negro, who is drawing a pension of \$17 a month, was adjudged insane in the Probate Court last Friday. The old man had been trying to invent a "flying" machine for some time and wheeling it about instead of letting it fly.

Miss Lena Reed of Vandalia and Mr. W. Emmet Smith of Columbia are to be married some time during the month of September. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed of Vandalia and is a cousin of Mrs. L. B. Hawthorne and Mrs. W. L. Craddock of this city. Her intended is a very popular young man and is in the banking business at Columbia.

Dr. J. O. Terrill of Vandalia is reported to have had trouble with his new automobile—bought in Mexico recently—while the machine was being driven thru Bowling Green the other day. It became unmanageable and ran into a telephone pole, disfiguring itself badly by throwing the driver and occupants over a fence. The joy wagon, however, was picked up and was soon on its way again.